



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

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February 14, 2013

Happy Valentine's Day!

I Love You More Than Applesauce by Jack Prelutsky

I love you more than applesauce,
Than peaches and a plum,
Than chocolate hearts,
And cherry tarts,
And berry bubble-gum.
I love you more than lemonade,
And seven-layer cake,
Than lollipops,
And candy drops,
And thick vanilla shakes.
I love you more than marzipan,
Than marmalade on toast;
For I love pies
Of any size,
But, I love you the most.

Winter Carnival is on Friday!!!!

It's going to be a fun and exciting day at BHCS! Here are some of the events for the kids to look forward to: Crazy Hair Day, dancing, obstacle course, photo booth, 5-8 volleyball, 3-4 cha-cha, K-2 story time, 5-8 lip synch, and finishing off with the 8th Grade vs. Faculty basketball game. We will also enjoy a half-time routine by the cheerleaders!

Sports News

Athletes: Please turn in all BHCS uniforms, so they can be washed, sorted, and inventoried during the vacation.

Gymnastics: BHCS's gymnastics program begins on February 25th for students in grades 3-8. Practice time is from 2:45-3:30 PM for all grades. Individual and small group practices are made by appointment with the instructor from 3:30-4:30 PM. Clean up is from 4:30-5 PM.

Track: Thanks to our generous BEEM grant, BHCS will be starting a spring track program. David Stearns will be the head coach, and we are looking for applications for an assistant coach. If you are interested, please go to the Office of the Superintendent for an application and fingerprinting information. The practice schedule is still tentative, but will begin on March 25th.

Mondays: 2:45-4:00 PM, outside

Tuesdays: 4-5 PM, in the gym

Wednesdays: outside 2:45-4:00 PM

Thursdays: 2:45-4:00 PM in the gym.

No practice on March 29 or April 11.

On the outside days, practices will be weather dependent. The team may join GSA for practice in the GSA gym on occasion. After April vacation the schedule will be Monday-Thursday 2:45-4:00 PM for an outside practice.

Softball Tryouts: Softball tryouts will be held in the gym March 21st and March 22nd from 4-5 PM.

Baseball Tryouts: Baseball tryouts will be held in the gym on March 21st and March 22nd from 5-6 PM.

Cheering News

Our cheerleaders have been cheering on our basketball teams all season, and now it's a chance for us to cheer them on! On Friday, February 15th at 6:00 PM our BHCS cheerleaders will be competing in a cheering competition at the Bucksport Middle School. They have been training hard and have learned a 3-minute routine. The routine includes dancing, a cheer, tumbling, and lots of stunting! We wish our girls the best! Go Bobcats!

FYI: We also have 2 more competitions coming up: March 2nd and March 9th. Stay tuned for more info!

If you would like more information about the Bucksport event, contact Coach Brown at sbrown@bhcs.org.

Indoor Soccer

Indoor soccer is being offered for grades 1-2 and 3-5 through the Blue Hill Soccer Club. The cost is \$30/player. It starts March 2nd and goes through mid-April; times will be announced later. There will be one practice during the week and home and away games are on Saturdays. There is only room for 12 players per team. Contact Katye Lacasse at 266-5434.

PTF News

Movie Night! Friday, February 15th. Start your vacation off with a fun night out and join us for Journey 2. We'll begin serving pizza at 5:30 PM and the movie will start at 6:00 PM.

****Mark Your Calendars**

**Wednesday, March 6th, 6:30 PM for the PTF meeting in the library. We will be planning and organizing for our spring activities.

**Friday, March 8th for B.E.A.R. Night. Plan to join us for a night of reading and other literacy activities. More information will be coming home after vacation.

**Friday, March 15th, Variety Show and Potluck.

Jazz Players Hit the Road!

The musicians in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades are gearing up for the district jazz fest that will be held on Friday, March 1st in Orrington. The "Sunrise" jazz band (6th grade), "Azule" jazz band (7th grade), and "Crazy

Eights" (8th grade) will all perform on that day. If they qualify, they will compete at the State Jazz Festival to be held in Portland on Saturday, March 23rd. They will have a dress rehearsal for parents and community members on Thursday, February 28th at 4:00 PM. All are welcome.

The "Crazy Eights" jazz band will play at GSA on Thursday, February 14th at 2:45 PM for the high school kids. This is a great opportunity to get some feedback from their peers. They will then get to hear GSA's jazz band.

GSA is hosting the High School District Jazz Festival on Wednesday, February 28th after school until 8:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to hear some excellent high school combos and jazz bands. Come on out and support the hard working musicians here at BHCS. ~Mr. Schubeck

School Vacation Activities at BHPL

The Blue Hill Public Library has two "Boredom Buster" events scheduled for February school vacation week! On **Thursday, February 21st** there will be two movies: ***Knut and Friends* (suitable for young children) from 2:00 to 3:30 PM and *Hunger Games* (PG-13) from 4:00 to 5:45 PM.**

Knut and Friends is the true-life story of the adorable polar bear cub who overcame overwhelming odds to survive, cared for by a Berlin zookeeper. *Hunger Games*, based on Suzanne Collins's young adult bestseller, is set in a dystopian future, where underprivileged youth fight to the death each year in a televised event.

On **Friday February 22nd**, tell the kids to get off the couch and down to the Library for games inside and out. **From 3:00 to 5:00 PM** board (not bored) games will be on the table for kids aged 7 to 12, and, weather-permitting, there will also be games outside. Kids are welcome to bring their own games to play or use the library's games. For more information, call Pat at 374-5515.

Family Valentine's Dance

Join us this Saturday from 6-8 PM for the Peninsula Montessori Valentine Dance, held at BHCS in the cafeteria. This was postponed from last Saturday due to the storm. Dress in your Valentine best and enjoy dancing (to child appropriate music), food and fun.

Carnations will be on sale at the door for your special someone. We will also be holding a 50/50 raffle; come try your luck! We look forward to seeing you.

Flash in the Pans and Planet Pan

Brooksville's 8th Grade is hosting a Flash in the Pans & Planet Pan Dance at Brooksville Elementary School to raise funds for their class trip and graduation. The dance is Saturday, February 23rd from 7:00-9:00 PM. Concessions will be sold...beverages, baked goods, and popcorn. Admission is by donation.

The Peninsula Skating Association will be hosting its annual Community Skating Party on Saturday, February 16th from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. Activities include: skate sharpening, skating lessons, kids' hockey game, shoot out, and a parent/child skate race, as well as free food and drinks. The community skating rink is located at 210 Union St. in Blue Hill. The rink is maintained through the efforts of the town and the association, and it is supported through donations. Come on out for a few hours of fun!

Snowshoe and XC Ski at Wight's Pond

Join Blue Hill Heritage Trust for an outdoor adventure for the whole family on Sunday, February 17th from 1-3 PM at Wight's Pond in Penobscot. We will snowshoe, cross-country ski, or hike on the trail and pond. All ages are welcome. This free event is one of many area activities scheduled as part of the Great Maine Outdoor Weekend, February 15-18.

Please pre-register by contacting Eileen at 374-5118 or eileen@bluehillheritagetrust.org. Snowshoes will be available--or bring your own. Meet at Wight's Pond public landing (off of Rt. 177). Hot cocoa and cookies will be provided afterwards.

Afro Brazilian Dance Class

Kristi Williamson, back from Brazil for a week before returning to Brazil to continue her studies, will teach an Afro Brazilian dance class Friday evening, February 15th, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at the Sedgwick Dance Studio, 214 Christy Hill Road, Sedgwick. Fee: \$12. 359-5562.

Dates to Remember

Fri., Feb. 15	PTF Movie Night, food at 5:30 and movie at 6:00 PM
Sat., Feb. 16	Montessori Valentine Dance, 6-8 PM
Feb. 18-22	February Vacation
Sun., Feb. 24	Sunday Jazz Madness
Thurs., Feb. 28	Jazzband Dress Rehearsal, 4 PM
Fri., Mar. 1	Dr. Seuss' Birthday/RIF Day District Jazz Fest, Orrington Family Assistance Spaghetti Supper, 5:30 PM
Mon., Mar. 4	NAEP Testing – grade 8
Fri., Mar. 8	Trimester 2 Ends
Fri., March 15	PTF Potluck and Variety Show Dinner is at 5:30 PM and the show is at 6:00 PM, BHCS Café
Sat., Mar. 23	State Jazz Fest, Portland
Fri., April 5	BEEM Bash